

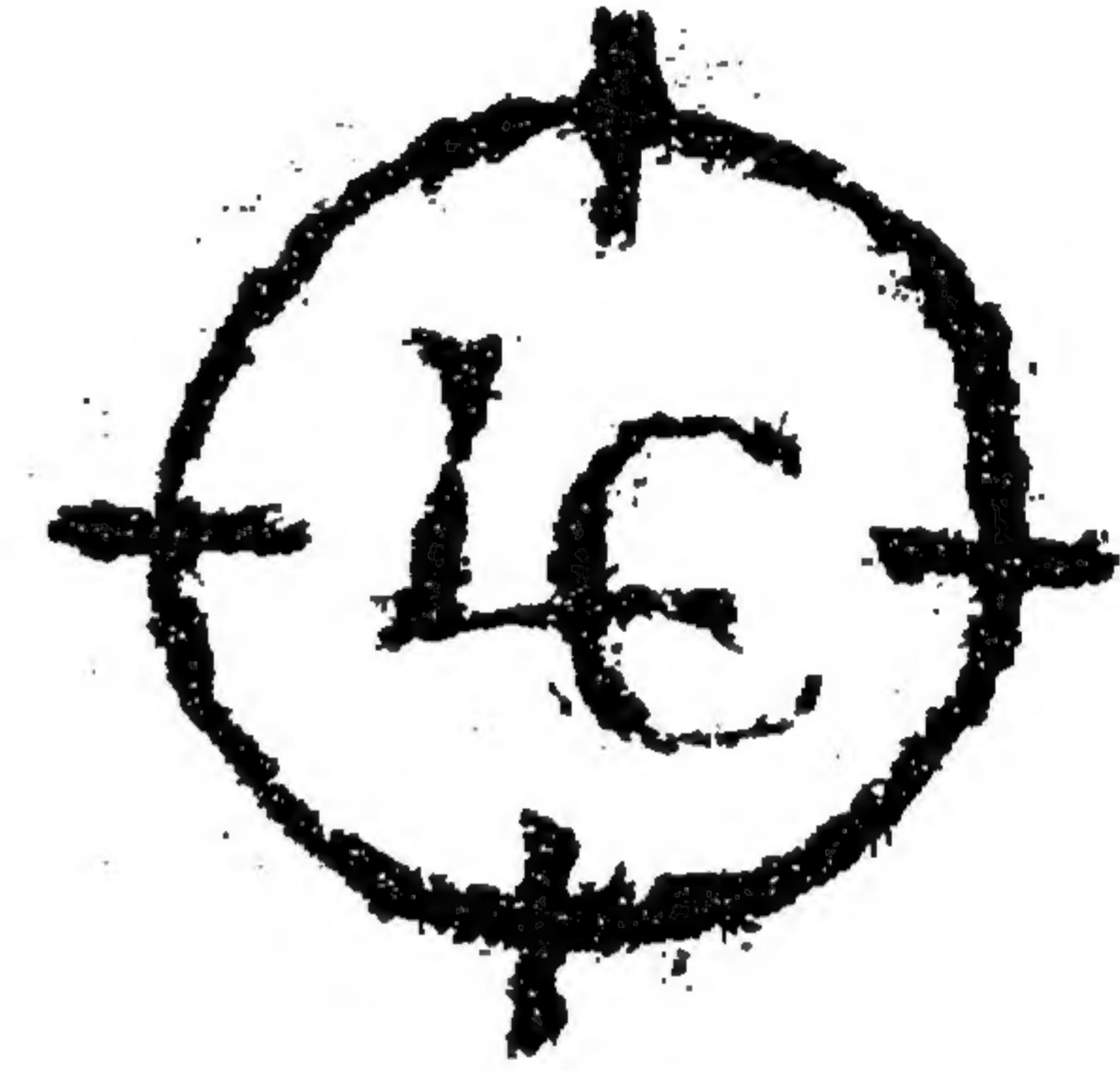


The Times Exclusive Level

Soon Times readers will be able to enjoy a special level of Tomb Raider, produced by the team at Core Design. TIM WAPSHOTT introduces this forthcoming digital collector's item

The Times has been reporting history in the making for over 200 years but now it is about to make some of its own. In a major co-production, we are the world's first national newspaper to team up with a huge star of computer games and come up with a unique special edition adventure for its readers.

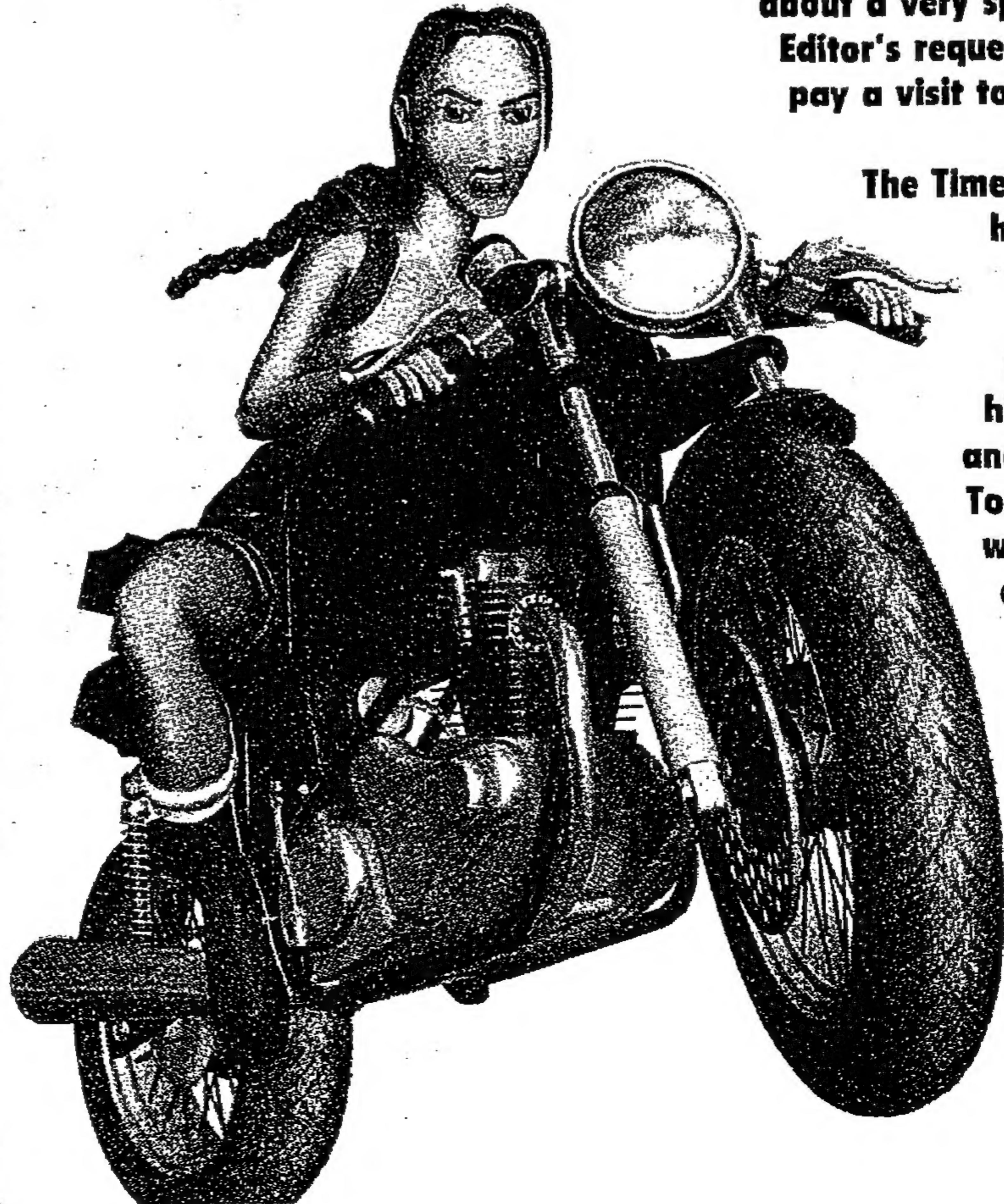
The Tomb Raider team at Core Design in Derby have been working frantically for the past six weeks to complete the latest exciting instalment in the series - Tomb Raider: The Last Revelation. At the same time our own special design team at Core has been working secretly on our very own level of the game. This project is code-named 'LaJITT' - which stands for 'Lara's Joining The Times'.



Of course, demos of upcoming games are nothing new - but no other national newspaper has taken the idea and then made it their own to reach entirely new levels of imagination, fun and interactivity. Our bespoke Lara Croft level is available to every reader who wants it.

On Saturday December 4, we will tell you how you can download the level via our dedicated microsite (www.the-times.co.uk/lara/). For most PCs this should take no more than 50 minutes, so if you do it at the weekend, when BT rates are 1p a minute, it should cost you about 50p - the cost of the telephone call. If you do not have access to the Internet, you need not worry since we will also let you know how you can claim Lara's Times Level on a limited edition CD-Rom.

The Editor of The Times, Peter Stothard, makes his computer games debut in our special level. At the start of the game he calls Lara into his office to instruct her about a very special mission. To solve the Editor's request she must tour The Times and pay a visit to our archives department.



The Times adventure should take about half an hour for you to complete - but there are plenty of reasons for you to make return visits. We have included several historical front pages of The Times and, since the latest episode in the Tomb Raider series is set in Egypt, we have also included Carnarvon's actual world exclusive report - which he wrote only for The Times - on his discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Whichever way you want to play it, our Lara Times adventure has something for everyone. Further details will become available on our website, www.the-times.co.uk *